Getting science into the bloodstream

Around 50 Year 10 to 12 science students will pump up their knowledge about blood tomorrow (Friday) as they experience a day in the life of a Bachelor of Biomedical Science student at the University of Tasmania in Launceston.

Students have jumped at the chance to experience the delights of haematology and hands-on testing for cholesterol levels and symptoms of coronary artery disease.

Organiser Dr Murray Adams said he had expected around a dozen students to attend but 52 students sent in applications.

“Graduates of biomedical science typically work in pathology and medical labs, medical testing and research,” he said.

“There is obviously a lot of interest in these areas.”

The full-day workshop will be interactive and laboratory-based with a focus on hands-on activities aimed at:

- Raising awareness of job opportunities and career pathways available to medical scientists;
- Re-igniting science interest in Year 10-12 students;
- Giving students the opportunity to perform lab tests and experiments usually done by medical scientists.

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